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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Maurice L. James and Kieth A. Hejl for **BENTONITE NODULES**.

☐ Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 4 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Also enclosed are:

☒ 3 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s);

☐ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is ☐ hereby made to filed in on ;

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☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/237,945 filed on October 3, 2000; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a continuation of International Application No. filed on , which International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published by the International Bureau in English on .--

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

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	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	33	MINUS 20 =	13	× \$18.00 (103) =	288.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$80.00 (102) =	80.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Application Fee					\$1,078.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
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TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$1,078.00

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- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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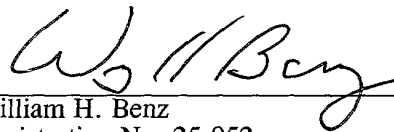
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